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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 27 are pending. Claims 2 to 13, 16 and 17 are objected to, claims 18 to 21 are allowed and claims 22 to 27 are new.

1. Claims 1, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fishler (U.S. Patent No. 5,930,109). However, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of objected to claim 2. In its amended form, claim 1 is believed to be patentable. Claims 14 and 15 are allowable as hinging from a patentable base claim.

Reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

2. Claims 2 to 13, 16 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In that respect, the following claim amendments have been made:

The subject matter of claim 2 has been included in amended independent claim 1.

The subject matter of claim 3 has been combined with that of claim 1 to provide new independent claim 22.

The subject matter of claim 4 has been combined with that of claim 1 to provide new independent claim 23.

The subject matter of claim 5 has been combined with that of claim 1 to provide new independent claim 24.

The subject matter of claims 14 and 16 has been combined with that of claim 1 to provide new independent claim 25.

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The subject matter of claim 17 has been combined with that of claim 1 to provide new independent claim 26. ~~New~~
claim 27 depends from independent claim 26.

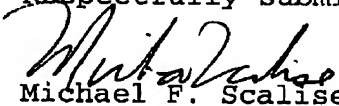
Allowance of these amended and new claims is requested.

3. The Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 18 to 24.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed. However, it is not considered more relevant than the cited prior art.

It is believed that claims 1 to 27 are now in condition for allowance. Notice of allowance is requested.

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